

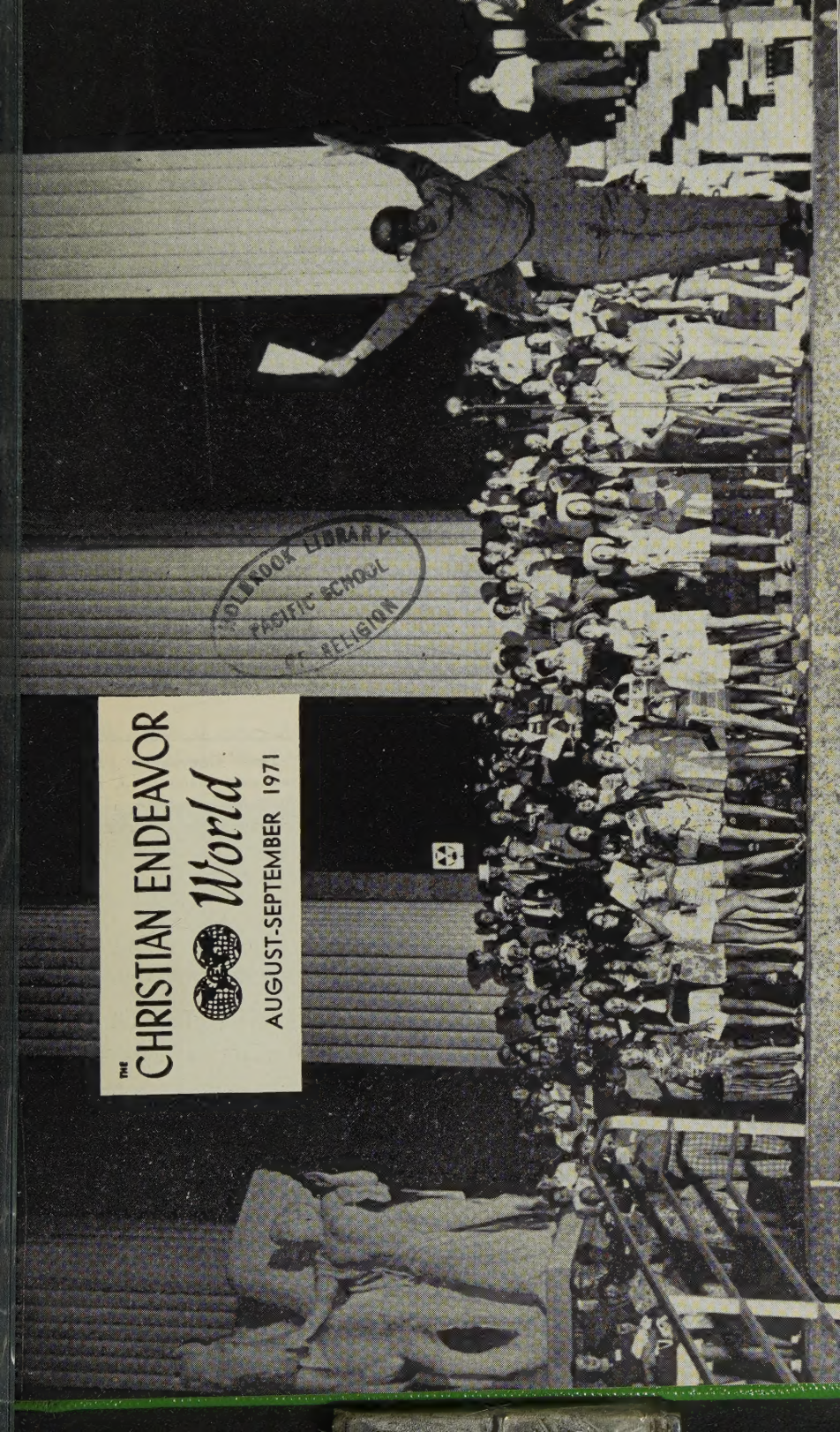
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The Cover . . .

St. Louis Convention delegates join their voices in praise as they sing on the steps of the War Memorial, under the direction of Lawrence R. Deal. The hymn sing Tuesday, July 6, followed the evening session in Kiel Auditorium Opera House. More than 1,000 participated.

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Fall Activities

September

- 3-6 — Texas Workers' Conference, Leakey
- 4-6 — Illinois Officers' Retreat, Cantrall
- 20-26 — World's Union Area II Conference, Amerongen, Holland, The Netherlands
- 25 — Wisconsin Junior and Junior High Convention, Green Lake

October

- 1-2 — Maryland Convention, New Windsor
- 8-10 — California Convention
- 9-10 — Great Lakes Regional Conference, Winona Lake, Indiana
- 9-11 — Ontario Convention, Hamilton

Evansville in '73

At the invitation of Indiana Endeavorers, the 52nd International Christian Endeavor Convention will be held July 2-6, 1973, in Evansville.

The Evansville Convention Committee is now being organized. Several preliminary meetings have been held, with the final organizational meeting scheduled September 20.

Evansville, with its new Vanderburgh Convention Center, has fine facilities to offer delegates. Hoosier Endeavorers look forward to welcoming delegates to this Ohio River city from all across North America in 1973.

The 53rd International Convention in 1975 will be held in Oregon, according to action of the Board of Trustees July 7 at its meeting in St. Louis.

All St. Louis Convention photos in this issue were taken by J. F. Whalen, official photographer.

- 15-16 — West Virginia Fall Retreat, Jacksons Mill
- 29-31 — Southern Regional Conference, Montreat, North Carolina

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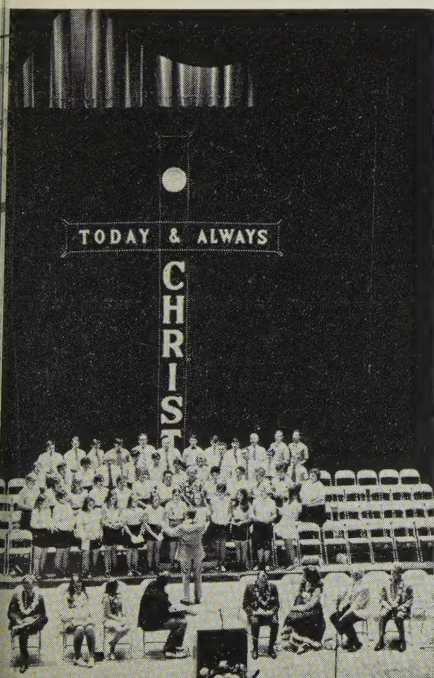


51st International Convention

THE ST. LOUIS STORY

At the 51st International Christian Endeavor Convention July 5-9 in St. Louis, Missouri, the new biennial theme was launched: "Today and Always — Christ."

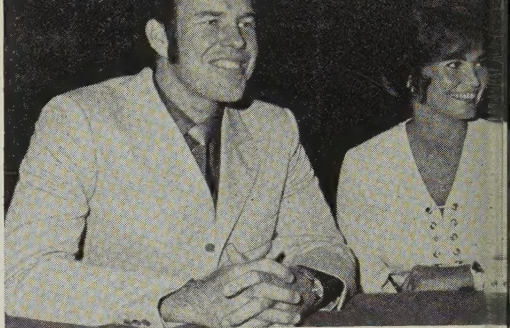
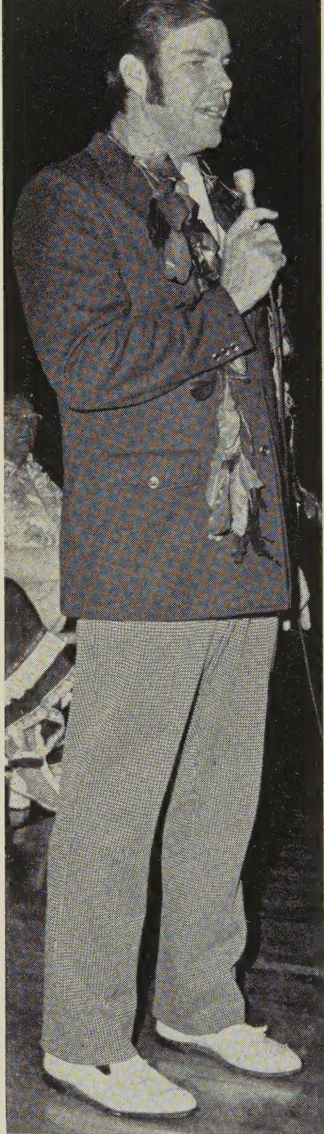
In St. Louis a new International Society president for the 1971-73 biennium was installed: Dr. LaVerne H. Boss of Grandville, Michigan.



St. Louis Reports . . .

"Youth from throughout North America were 'turned on' and challenged to new living in their individual lives and in their communities by speakers and leaders." — *Illinois*

"St. Louis 1971 can be written down as the 'thinking man's convention.' Although there were strong and persistent appeals to emotion, the delegate comes away with serious thoughts. And this is important, for when the emotional appeal has dissipated, as it inevitably must, the thoughts that remain must be the larger portion of the effect of the convention." — *Texas*



More than 1,500 young people from the United States and Canada listened to addresses by outstanding convention personalities and pledged themselves to Jesus Christ in this revolutionary age.

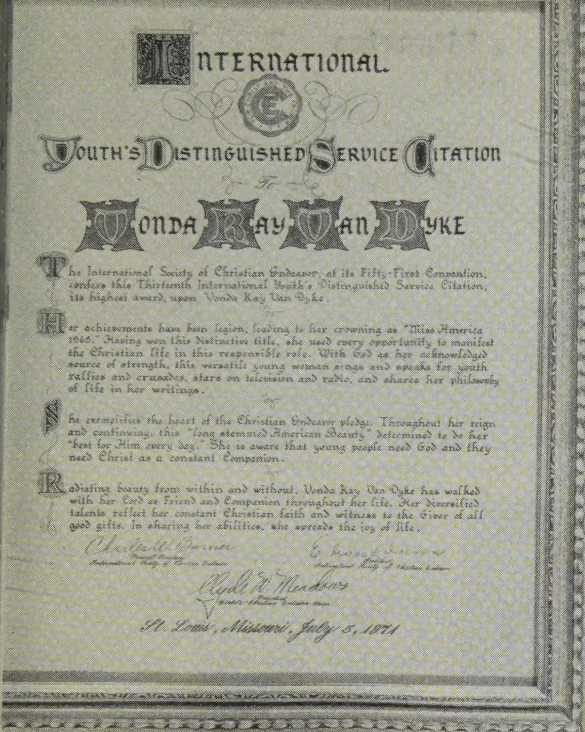
"We are in the beginning stages of a great spiritual awakening," the Rev. Bill Glass predicted at the opening session.

"The new morality is the biggest pack of lies ever put together."

Mr. Glass, former football star, made a fervent appeal for the Christian to stand up and make of his morality a living thing, not an impossible ideal.

The evening meetings were followed by the coffeehouse where the speakers could "rap" (to "rap" means to talk seriously and honestly) with the younger convention delegates in an informal atmosphere. Bill Glass, with his football stories, was well received.





Vonda Kay Van Dyke, 1965 "Miss America,"
was by far the prettiest of the
convention personalities.

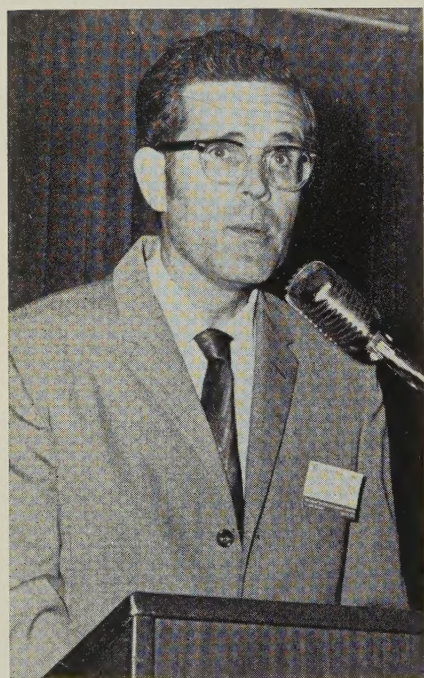
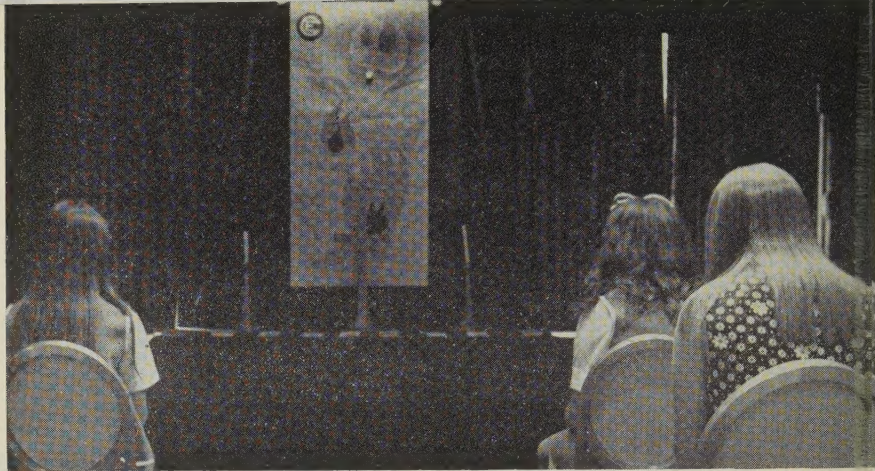
She made a delightful impression
as the recipient of the 13th International Youth's
Distinguished Service Citation.

Vonda used song and personal testimony
to bear witness to her faith in Christ
and a Christian's experience in terms of
"stepping out of the shadows
and walking in the sunlight."

With God as her source of strength,
this versatile young woman sings and speaks
for youth rallies and crusades
stars on television and radio,
and shares her philosophy of life in her writings.

In the words of the Citation,
"she exemplifies the heart
of the Christian Endeavor pledge."





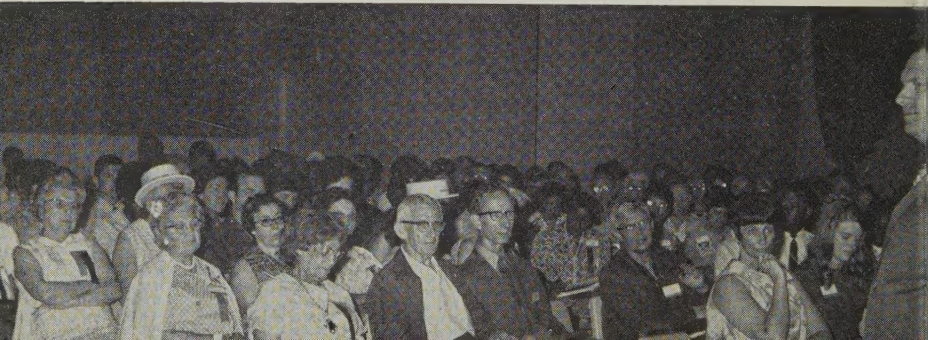
Amid the convention hubbub many delegates took time for a quiet visit to the Prayer Room.

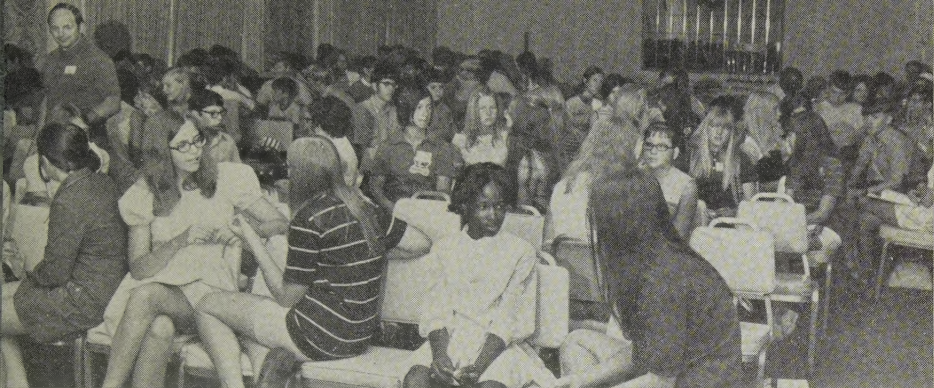
The first convention activity was the Pre-Prayer Service and there were many opportunities for public and private prayer during the convention.

Following breakfast in the Gold Room, delegates took part each day in the Quiet Hour/Bible study period.

Youth were led by Dr. William Sailer of the Evangelical Congregational Church; adults by Bishop George E. Weaver of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

The convention "school" each morning featured 41 conferences — evangelism, devotional life, youth work, recreation, stewardship, etc.





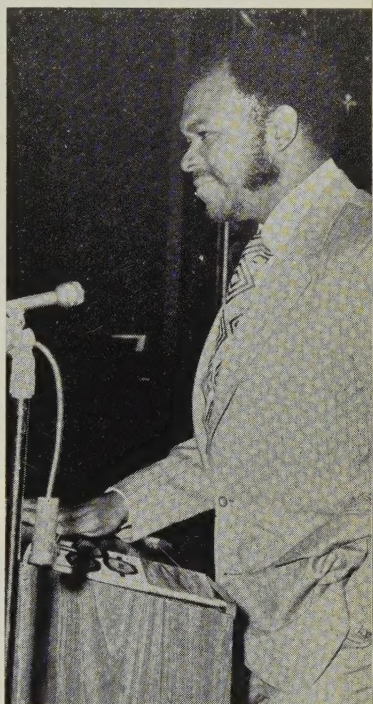
Rev. Tom Skinner, former Harlem gang leader, was Tuesday night's dynamic speaker.

He moved the huge audience in magnificent Kiel Opera House with his pungent observations on America's persistent failure to achieve equality of opportunity for all its people.

"Historians will be forced to call our time an 'age of revolution,'" he said. Explaining the tremendous changes today, he said he is involved in a new kind of revolution — the Kingdom of God.

"God has pronounced judgment on all the systems of men," he said, as he pleaded for people to get away from the "Americanization of God."

"God is not American, God is not Communist, God is not Capitalist, God is not a Republican, God is not a Democrat — Jesus Christ is Lord of heaven and earth."



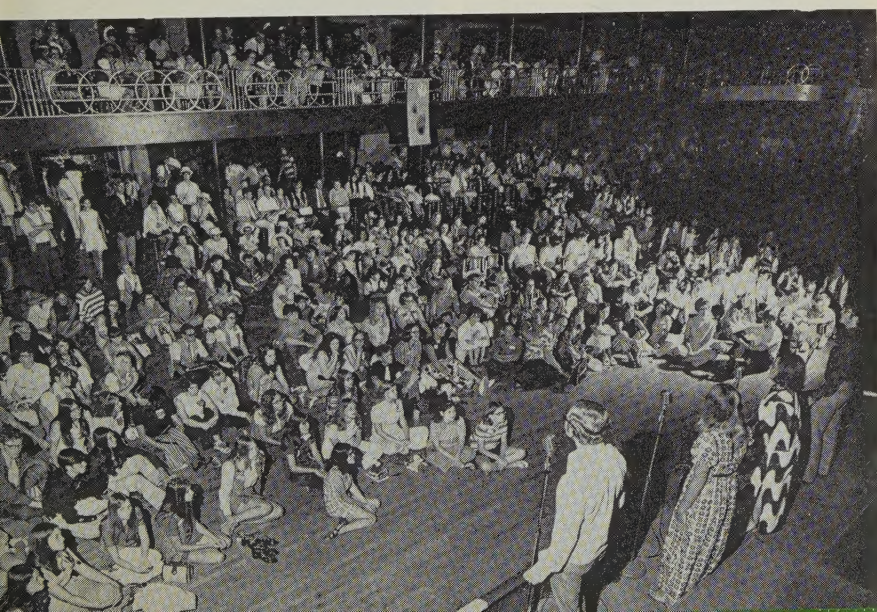
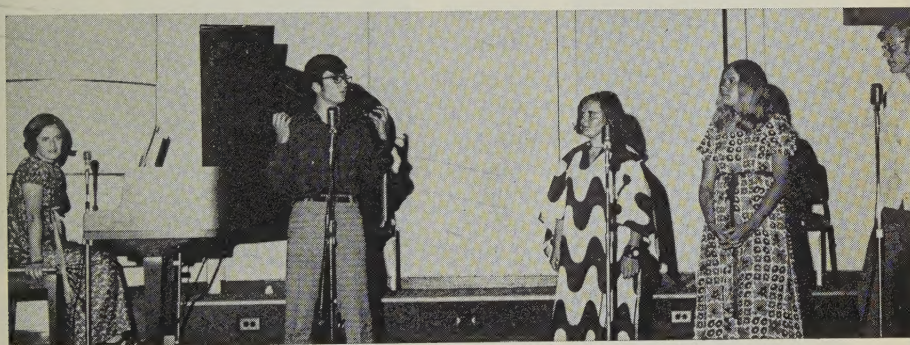
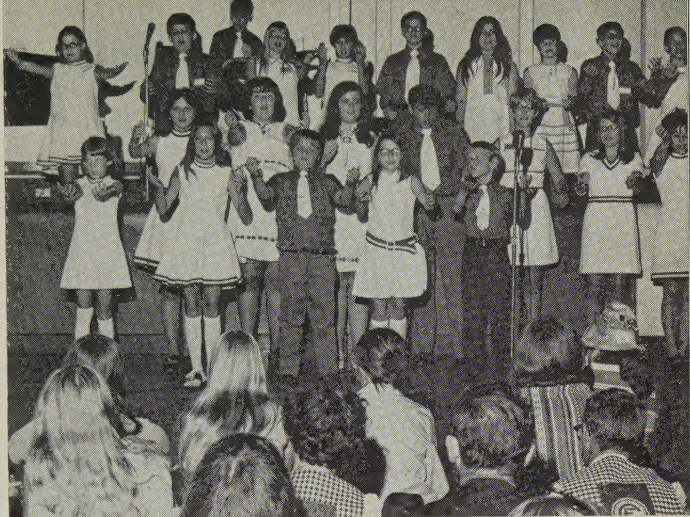


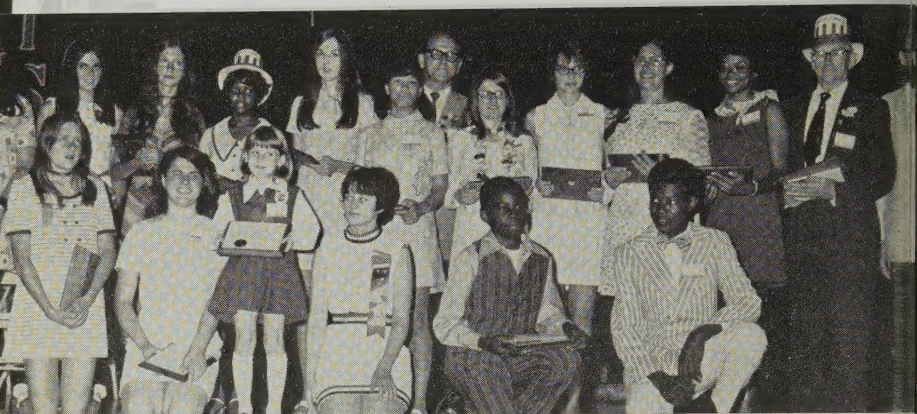
Wednesday's "floating session" aboard the S.S. ADMIRAL provided an informal showcase for the presentation of a number of musical groups.



The exciting program featured the "New Direction Singers" of Toronto, Ohio; the "Sing Out" Endeavorers from New Cumberland, West Virginia; the "High Destiny" Gospel team from Huntington (Indiana) College and the "Echoes of Calvary" Gospel team of Calvary College, Kansas City, Missouri.







Proud winners in Christian Endeavor's 1971 Christian Youth Witness Program were honored Tuesday evening. The Albert H. Diebold Awards of cash and plaques were presented by President Dunn and General Secretary Charles Barner.

Top individual award went to Patricia D. Porter of West Virginia.

The winning society was the Senior Society of North River Avenue Church of Christ, Toronto, Ohio.

First place awards for local unions went to the Northwest Branch of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Award banners were presented to St. Louis Registration Contest winners, with No. 1 banner going to West Virginia Union, plus a \$52 check for convention expenses of its selected representative.

Standings of other unions were: Golden Rule, 2nd; Maryland, 3rd; New York State, 4th; and Ohio, 5th. Ohio had the largest out-of-state delegation in attendance.

Many youth winners and other young people took part in the convention by giving personal witness, presenting devotions, and presiding at conferences.





Dr. Myron S. Augsburger, president of Eastern Mennonite College (Virginia) was a popular "repeat" speaker (he was featured at the 1970 convention).

"We can't afford to let revolutionary forces that destroy life be more dedicated than we are," he said. He declared that some major problems still bugging us are civil justice, broken homes, violence, and war.

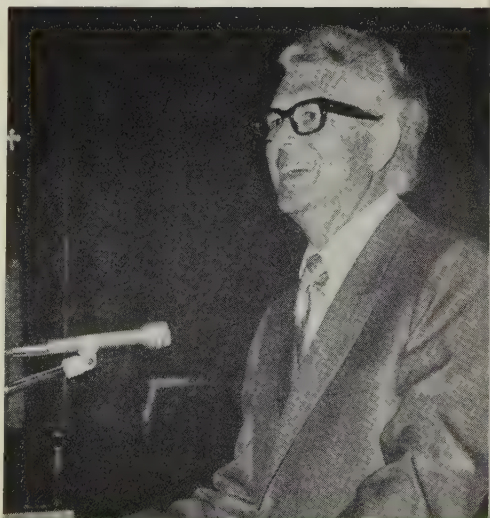
"God isn't going to stand around and let the world go to pot," he declared.

"Three affirmations I have discovered are that what you experience largely determines what you believe; that it depends on what you believe how you behave; and that our behaviour determines the character of our Christian brotherhood."



"I challenge you to live globally," were straightforward words from Dr. W. Stanley Mooneyham, World Vision International president, at the closing session.

"There are no more geographical and space barriers in the world — only ideological and spiritual. Now the challenge for the Christian is that in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ we overcome these through the message of redemptive love."





It was a thrilling moment when retiring president Elwood Dunn transferred the presidential chain to LaVerne Boss, new leader of Christian Endeavor International, during the installation of officers by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows at the Friday closing session.

Jane A. Snow of Indiana is the new associate president, the second woman to hold this important post.

A college sophomore, at 20 she is one of the youngest to be so honored.

Vice-presidents elected are Lavern Billig, George L. Blackwell, Alice C. Goodman, Timothy J. Kribs, Ralph E. Robrahn, and Ray Zimmerman. Arch J. McQuilkin continues in the position of assistant to the president.

A Recognition Luncheon Thursday honored President and Mrs. Dunn. Their son Bob, home from Guam, surprised his parents by dressing as a waiter and serving their lunch.

What a thrilling reunion!

Mr. Dunn received a special past president's pin and his wife a set of purses in recognition of dedicated service during his four years in office.





The Youth Assembly was reactivated during the St. Louis Convention.

Composed of two delegates from each state or provincial union and from denominations, this body provides the voice of youth in the work of Christian Endeavor International.

The assembly met each morning.

Lawrence L. Hanby of Texas, 1969-71 associate president,

served as chairman until officers were elected.

Youth Assembly 1971-73 officers are:

Lynn Stanley (Missouri), chairman;

Robert E. Hewitt, III (Oregon),

vice-chairman; Karen Houzenga (Illinois),

secretary; Sharon Tice (West Virginia) and

David McCray (Church of the United Brethren in Christ), trustees.

At the last session the youth voted on recommendations to official bodies of the International Society for consideration.



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Christian Endeavor Week

January 30-February 6

Theme: POWER TO BECOME

To help societies and unions observe the 91st birthday of Christian Endeavor and to dramatize the place of youth in the program of the church and community, a week-long series of events is planned for 1972.

January 30 will launch a variety of activities — banquets, special services, parties, rallies, projects — as Endeavorers around the world mark the founding of this interdenominational movement for youth.

To help groups plan, a Christian Endeavor Week Packet has been prepared. Its colorful contents will make the job of any planning committee much easier. The complete packet may be obtained for only 75¢ from Christian Endeavor Headquarters, Columbus, Ohio; quantity rates on request.

Poster Time

As part of the Christian Endeavor Week observance there is opportunity to participate in a unique poster program.

The Christian Endeavor Outdoor Posters reach thousands each year with their message "Young People — Come to Church" and "Attend Christian Endeavor." The poster design is a colorful combination of rhodamine red accented with light blue and will attract attention on the dreariest winter day.

Posters are only \$5 each plus the cost of any posting fees. Contributions should not be sent to the International Society but to the union Outdoor Poster Chairman. Send gifts by early November so posters will be displayed in January and February to coincide with Christian Endeavor Week.

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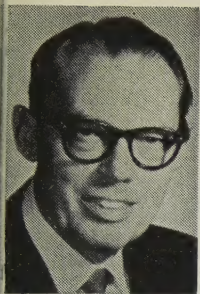
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AS I SEE IT

Looking Across The President's Desk

By ELWOOD DUNN

It was his first Christian Endeavor convention. It was Muskegon, Michigan, and the union was sponsoring a meeting of all Endeavorers in the state. He came from one of the nearby active Christian Endeavor societies in the Golden Chain Union. He was in Junior High school and experiencing the glamour of an "away-from-home" convention along with a lot of other young people from over the state of Michigan.

It is seven years later and the Christian Endeavor convention is again in the city of Muskegon. Our same young person is in attendance. Many things have happened in those seven years. Many are to happen in this convention. The Junior High student of seven years ago is the nominee for president of the state union and here is elected to this significant position.

Now in 1971 a signal honor has come to this youth who began in Muskegon as a Junior High Christian Endeavorer. In the convention held in July in St. Louis he became president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

In between LaVerne H. Boss had served on many committees, led in hosts of conferences, and held the office of associate president of the International Society. It has been the privilege of the writer to have a

small share in inviting Vern to participate in these various areas of service.

During these years Vern continued in his chosen profession of teaching and continued his education. He holds a doctor's degree from Michigan State University and has been the superintendent of two school systems, one near Grand Rapids and the other in Syracuse, New York. Currently he is the Superintendent of Schools in Grandville, Michigan.

In the convention in July as the retiring president I was joined by the two past presidents, Arch J. McQuilkin and Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, in the ceremony of transferring the Francis E. Clark Presidential Chain to Dr. Boss. This striking symbol of office has been worn by every president beginning with Dr. Clark.

It is with more than usual satisfaction that I share in the thrilling experience of conferring this office upon a product of the church and Christian Endeavor in Michigan. It has been rewarding to watch Vern's growth and development and to feel that the reins of the movement are being placed in capable and dedicated hands. He is the second layman in recent years to hold this office and we rejoice in his willingness to serve.

God bless you, Vern Boss!

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